



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6270

House of Representatives, May 13, 2003

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAPPING OF LONG ISLAND SOUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2003, the
2 Department of Environmental Protection shall issue a request for
3 proposals for the performance of the mapping of the floor of Long
4 Island Sound. The department shall publish such request for proposals
5 in one or more newspapers or periodicals, as selected by the
6 department. The department shall enter into a contract for the
7 performance of such mapping with the person that the department
8 determines to be the most qualified of the respondents to the request
9 for proposals. The department shall report the results, in accordance
10 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, of such
11 mapping to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
12 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment not later
13 than January 1, 2005. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 16-
14 245m of the general statutes, not more than five hundred thousand
15 dollars shall be transferred from the Energy Conservation and Load

16 Management Fund, which moneys shall be allocated to the department
17 for administrative costs incurred in issuing the request for proposals
18 pursuant to this section and for the payment for the mapping of the
19 floor of Long Island Sound.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

APP

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	Energy Conservation Load Management Fund – Cost	500,000	0

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to issue a request for proposals for the performance of the mapping of the floor of Long Island Sound. Funds in the amount of \$500,000 from the Energy Conservation Load Management Fund are provided for the administrative costs to DEP and for the payment of the mapping. Since the language in the bill concerning the mapping is not specific, it is not clear if the funds provided will be adequate. The increase in administrative workload to the DEP associated with the issuance of a request for proposals is anticipated to be minimal.

The Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund (ECLM) supports energy conservation programs available through distribution companies and approved by the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC). The fund, which is based on charges to electric customers, averages about \$85 million - \$90 million per year. The budget recently passed by the Appropriations Committee reduces the fund by \$72 million in each year of the biennium. This bill provides for an additional reduction that would further impact the availability of funds for the conservation programs approved by DPUC.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 49 Nay 0